

evaluation. The tender evaluation is likely to be completed in the near future.

(d) and (e) It is planned to provide telephone facilities in all the villages of the country by the end of the 9th Plan. All out efforts are being made to achieve the target.

#### **Grievances of Trained Manpower in AICTE**

836. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Council for Technical Education has examined the grievances and problems of trained manpower;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has been set up under AICTE Act, 1987 with a view to the proper planning and coordinated development of the technical education system throughout the country. The Council accords approvals to technical institutions and regularly monitors them so that minimum norms and standards are maintained. The grievances and problems, if any, of the manpower trained does not lie with the AICTE but with the institutions concerned.

#### **Withdrawal of Army from J&K**

837. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to withdraw army from Srinagar, Baramulla and some other towns of J&K; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Based on deliberations at the Unified Headquarters under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Jammu & Kashmir, the responsibility of managing the law and order in Anantnag, Baramullah and Srinagar has been entrusted to civilian forces. The Army will, however, remain deployed in the vicinity and carry out counter-insurgency operations in these towns based on hard intelligence if the situation so demands. This decision has been taken in view of the improvement in the situation in this state.

[Translation]

#### **Area Surrounding Jantar Mantar**

838. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY:

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

KUNWAR SARVARAJ SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the surrounding area of the timeless monument the Jantar Mantar which attract a number of tourists is one of the dirtiest spots in the heart of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken, if any, to keep the area clean keeping it free from the permanent jhuggi dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. R. BOMMALI): (a) and (b) The premises of the protected monument of Jantar Mantar is well kept and monument properly maintained. The land adjoining to the southern side of the protected monument is under the control of N.D.M.C. and is being used for holding demonstration and public meetings etc. Archaeological Survey of India has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Urban Development for removing the Jhuggi dwellers from the area.

#### **Utilisation of UGC Grants**

839. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount given as grants in aid by the University Grants Commission to the Chaudhary Charan Singh University and other Universities in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and till date, University-wise;

(b) whether this amount of grant has not been fully utilised by these Universities; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of the unutilised amount lying with these Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

#### **Preservation of Temples in Orrisa**

840. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL: Will the Minister for TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa has submitted any scheme to Union Government for the preservation of temples to make the areas around temples beautiful and attractive for the tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The following project proposals submitted by the Govt. of Orissa for refurbishment/renovation of temples for the Central Financial Assistance under the scheme of Refurbishment of Monuments, have been sanctioned.

	Amount (Lakhs)	
	Sanctioned	Released
<b>1993-94</b>		
Illumination of Lord Jagannath Temple	10.00	10.00
<b>1996-97</b>		
Renovation of Lord Baldev Jey Temple, Kendrapara	7.50	3.00
Renovation of Laxmi Barah Temple	7.00	2.25
Development of Biranchi Narayan Temple at Palia	15.00	4.50
The following projects have been submitted by the Govt. of Orissa which are short listed for sanction of Central Financial Assistance for the current financial year.		
<b>1997-98</b>		
Refurbishment of Jagannath Temple Derabis	25.00	—
Refurbishment of Mahabinayak Temple at Chandikhole, Jaipur District	25.00	—
Refurbishment of Baldev Jey Temple, Kendrapara	25.00	—
Refurbishment of Grameswar Mahadev Temple, Belar Nuagaon	5.00	—
Refurbishment of Khiching Temple, Khiching, Mayurbhanj	5.00	—
Refurbishment of Chandra Mouli Temple, Pattamudai	15.00	—

[Translation]

**Recommendations of Committees  
on Education System**

841. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kothari Commission (1964), Saidian Committee (1990) and Acharya Rammurti Committee (1997) were constituted to suggest the ways and means to bring about improvement in the country's education system;

(b) if so, whether the said committee submitted their reports in time;

(c) if so, the dates on which these reports were submitted;

(d) the recommendations of these committees accepted and implemented so far; and

(e) the suggestions accepted in principle by the Government but not implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKAI): (a) to (e)

Since Independence, a number of Committees and Commissions were appointed by the Government to suggest ways and means to reform the system of education in the country. Amongst them was the constitution of the National Education Commission under the Chairmanship of Prof. D.S. Kothari in 1964. The Commission submitted its report on 29th June, 1966 and this report became the basis of the National Policy on Education (1968). The general formulations incorporated in the 1968 policy did not, however, get translated into a detailed strategy of implementation, accompanied by the assignment of specific responsibilities and financial and organisational support. As a result, problems of access, quality, quantity, utility and financial outlay, accumulated over the years. Therefore, a necessity in the revision of the existing education policy was felt. Based on the suggestion received, a new National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 and its programme of Action (POA) were formulated.

The NPE, 1986 was further reviewed by Acharya Ramamurti Committee which submitted its report on 26th December, 1990 followed by a Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Policy headed by Shri N. Janardhana Reddy which submitted its report on 22nd January, 1992.

Based on the recommendations on these Committees, the NPE, 1986 and its POA were revised in 1992. The revised National Policy on Education provides a comprehensive Plan of Action assigning specific responsibilities for